



# Commander John Lovejoy

**Executive Officer**

**USCG Marine Safety Office Port Arthur**

Commander John Lovejoy is the Executive Officer of Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur which includes the nation's fourth busiest commercial port, the third largest petrochemical complex and busiest Strategic Port of Embarkation for Military Out-load operations in the United States. 203 personnel proudly serve at Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, including active-duty, civilians, Reservists and Coast Guard Auxiliary performing marine inspections, marine investigations, oil spill response, law enforcement, contingency planning, readiness, waterways management, vessel traffic management, administration, supply and medical service functions.

Commander Lovejoy served as a member of the Eighth Coast Guard District Staff in New Orleans, LA. Assigned to the Law Enforcement Branch, Commander Lovejoy administered the Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security program providing oversight and analysis of all Maritime Security and Response Operations in the



Coast Guards largest District with 7 Sectors and 3 Air Stations spanning 26 states, 170k square nautical miles in the Gulf of Mexico, 1200 nautical miles of coastline, 10,000 nautical miles of inland rivers and 2 International Borders. Also serving as a Law Enforcement Duty Officer he provided 24/7 real-time law enforcement support to the Eighth District Command Center and Field Units.

Commander Lovejoy served as the Chief, Response and Security Department at Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, TX. Leading a Department of over 160 personnel and 16 Response Boats, he directed a variety of Coast Guard missions involving law enforcement, environmental compliance, pollution incident response and Military Out-load escorts for vessels transporting cargo to coalition forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

After graduating from Coast Guard Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Yorktown, VA in 1998, Commander Lovejoy also served as a Marine Inspector at Marine Safety Officer Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Project Officer for the HH65 Dolphin Helicopter Engine Replacement Project at the Aircraft Repair and Supply Center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Commander Lovejoy enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1987. After attending Aviation Electricians Mate (AE) A School, he was assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater (CGAS), Florida. For the next 10 years, he performed aircraft maintenance and aircrew duties aboard the Coast Guard HC130 Hercules. He served in multiple crew positions including Flight Engineer, Dropmaster and Loadmaster attaining the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

Commander Lovejoy's personal awards include five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, three Coast Guard Letters of Commendation, and six Meritorious Team Commendations. He received the New Orleans Federal Executive Board Distinguished Service Award as Outstanding Military Officer (Field Grade) in May of 2014.

Commander Lovejoy earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics, Logistics Minor, from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.